



STATE OF WASHINGTON

HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD

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RESOLUTION NO. 02-34

WHEREAS, RCW 28B.110.040 and RCW 28B 15.465 require the Higher Education Coordinating Board to report every four years to the Legislature and Governor on gender equity in higher education, and to develop rules and guidelines to eliminate gender discrimination; and

WHEREAS, The Higher Education Coordinating Board, with the assistance of the state's public higher education institutions, has completed its 2002 review of gender equity in public higher education; and

WHEREAS, The Board finds that public higher education institutions do not discriminate on the basis of gender in student support and services; and

WHEREAS, The Board finds that disparities in academic programs and athletics exist between men and women in certain areas which will continue to be monitored; and

WHEREAS, The Board finds that athletic participation rates for females have improved substantially since 1988 at the public four-year institutions, but have not met statutory goals at Eastern Washington University and Western Washington University; and

WHEREAS, Eastern Washington University submitted a gender equity plan approved by the Board in July 2002, and Western Washington University will submit a gender equity plan to the Board for approval no later than March 2003;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Higher Education Coordinating Board approves the 2002 Gender Equity in Higher Education report, and forwards this report to the Governor and Legislature for their review.

Adopted:

December 12, 2002

Attest:

Bob Craves, Chair

Pat Stanford, Secretary

